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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 14, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed well before the expiration of the shortened statutory period set for this response and hence no fees are due. Submitted herewith are declarations filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.131. Consideration of these declarations is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.